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SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: JULY 20, 1977:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I APPRECIATE YOUR SPECIAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ILO
AND THE US POSITION. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT ALSO GREATLY
CONCERNS ME.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE ILO HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL
PROGRESS IN SEVERAL AREAS SINCE 1975. MOST HEARTENING HAS
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BEEN THE ABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED FREE MARKET
COUNTRIES TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. WHATEVER OUR DECIS-
ION, WE VIEW THIS UNITY AS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVE-
MENT IN OUR TWO YEAR EFFORT, AND IT WILL BE FULLY
REFLECTED IN OUR FINAL ASSESSMENT. I AM PARTICULARLY
GRATEFUL FOR THE SOLID SUPPORT FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

AT THE SAME TIME, AS YOU POINT OUT, THE JUNE 1977 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE WAS A REAL DISAPPOINTMENT. WE WERE NOT EXPECTING VICTORY ACROSS THE BOARD. WE HAD HOPED FOR CONCRETE SIGNS FOR CONTINUING MOMENTUM ON AT LEAST SOME OF THE ISSUES. EXCEPT FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND THAT OF OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES, I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT WE FAILED TO CONTINUE THIS MOMENTUM.

WE WILL THOROUGHLY REVIEW ALL OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. OUR ASSESSMENT WILL INCLUDE THE FULL TWO-YEAR RECORD OF OUR EFFORT TO REFORM THE ILO, THE VIEWS OF OUR FRIENDS, THE VALUE OF THE WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AND THE EFFECT OF OUR DECISION ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WE CERTAINLY WILL CONSULT WITH YOU PRIOR TO ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF A US DECISION. WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR BRITISH FRIENDS ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR ISSUES.

WITH WARM WISHES, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. CALLAGHAN'S LETTER FOLLOWS SEPARATELY. VANCE

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